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## SCHOOLS KEEP ANZAC SPIRIT ALIVE

Australian students had shown great appreciation of the service and sacrifice of the nation's veterans through their creative entries in the 2006 Anzac Day Schools' Awards, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Bruce Billson, said today.

Mr Billson congratulated Tallimba Public School, New South Wales and Miles State High School, Queensland, national winners of this year's awards, on their achievement.

"The Australian Government's Anzac Day Schools' Awards encourage students to demonstrate their understanding of the significance of Anzac Day and to learn about and appreciate our wartime history," Mr Billson said.

"As in the past, primary and secondary school winners were chosen in each state and territory, and from those winning entries, the national winners were selected.

"Tallimba Public School, national winner in the primary school category, used the theme *Saluting Our Veterans' Service* to demonstrate the importance of community involvement in developing respect for and understanding of our veterans and wartime heritage.

"The entry from Miles State High, national winner in the secondary school category, was inspired by the wartime history of the town of Miles. Focusing on the story of a local Anzac, this exemplary work was developed into a theatrical piece for the Australian Rock Eisteddfod.

"Both national winners, along with all the other schools who participated in this year's competition, are commended for their great efforts," Mr Billson said.

Minister Billson said each of the state and territory winners would receive a cash prize of \$1000 and a commemorative plaque, and the national winners would receive \$2000 in addition to their state prize and a commemorative plaque.

"The ingenuity and enthusiasm of the schools that participated in this year's Anzac Day Schools' Awards has highlighted the important contribution the younger generation can make towards keeping the Anzac spirit alive," Mr Billson said.

The Anzac Day Schools' Awards are funded through the Australian Government's *Saluting Their Service* commemorations program. For more information on the awards, visit the Department of Veterans' Affairs website at [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au).

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**Editor's Note:** A list of State and Territory winners of the 2006 Anzac Day Schools' Awards follows.

### 2006 ANZAC DAY SCHOOLS' AWARDS – STATE AND TERRITORY WINNERS

#### **Primary School Category**

NSW: Tallimba Public School, Tallimba  
ACT: Emmaus Christian School, Dickson  
VIC: Kangaroo Flat Primary School, Kangaroo Flat  
QLD: St Helens State School, Maryborough  
SA: Riverton Primary School, Riverton  
NT: Jingili Primary School, Jingili  
WA: Capel Primary School, Capel  
TAS: Strahan Primary School, Strahan

#### **Secondary School Category**

NSW: Pymble Ladies' College, Pymble  
ACT: St Clare's College, Griffith  
VIC: Baimbridge College, Hamilton  
QLD: Miles State High School, Miles  
SA: No entries  
NT: Alice Springs High School, Alice Springs  
WA: Merredin Senior High School, Merredin  
TAS: Penguin High School, Penguin